

**Measures Passed:**

**Commending Initial Responders:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 312, commending the bravery of the initial responders in the Baltimore Harbor water taxi accident of March 6, 2004. **Pages S2403–04**

**Commemorating the Late President of Macedonia:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 314, commemorating and honoring President Boris Trajkovski. **Pages S2456–57**

**International Women's Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 315, designating March 8, 2004, as "International Women's Day". **Pages S2457–59**

**Financial Literacy Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 316, designating April 2004 as "Financial Literacy Month". **Pages S2459–61**

**Child Abuse Awareness:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 299, recognizing, and supporting efforts to enhance the public awareness of, the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2461**

**Greek Independence Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 308, designating March 25, 2004, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2461**

**Budget Resolution:** Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 95, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2377–S2403, S2404–23**

**Rejected:**

By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 33), Conrad Amendment No. 2704, to establish a 60-vote point of order against the consideration of any direct spending or revenue legislation that would increase the on-budget deficit in any fiscal year until the budget is balanced without counting Social Security surpluses. **Pages S2384–S2403, S2404–07**

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 34), Daschle Amendment No. 2710, to create a reserve fund to allow for an increase in Veterans' medical care by \$2.7 billion and lower the national debt by reducing the President's tax breaks for taxpayers with incomes in excess of \$1 million a year. **Pages S2411–23**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 10, 2004; provided further, that there be 27 hours equally divided remaining for debate under the statutory limit. **Page S2462**

**Treaty Approved:** The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Taxation Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 108–14). **Pages S2461–62**

**Petitions and Memorials:** **Pages S2435–39**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S2439–40**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2440–41**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2433–35**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2451–56**

**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2456**

**Privilege of the Floor:** **Page S2456**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—34) **Pages S2407, S2423**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 10, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2462.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: BORDER AND TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for border and transportation security, after receiving testimony from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Border and Transportation Security.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary of Transportation.

### WORLDWIDE THREATS

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded a hearing in open and closed sessions to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony

from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; and Vice Admiral Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2005, focusing on military readiness programs, after receiving testimony from General George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy; General T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force; and Lieutenant General Jan C. Huly, USMC, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps, Plans, Policies, and Operations, U.S. Marine Corps.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2056, to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane language, with amendments;

S. 1164, to provide for the development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research program that assists the people of the United States and the world to understand, assess, and predict human-induced and natural processes of abrupt climate change; and

The nominations of Francis Mulvey, of Maryland, and W. Douglas Buttrey, of Tennessee, both to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, Rhonda Keenum, of Mississippi, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Services, and sundry nominations in the Coast Guard.

### WESTERN WATER SUPPLY

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Power and Water concluded a hearing to examine water supply issues in the arid West, focusing on the role of the Federal Government in managing and enhancing water resources, after receiving testimony from Bennett W. Raley, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Floyd Gaibler, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services; Brigadier General William T. Grisoli, USA, Commander, Northwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Louis Uccellini, Director, National Cen-

ters for Environmental Prediction, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Craig Bell, Western States Water Council, Midvale, Utah; and Tex G. Hall, New Town, North Dakota, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians.

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1306 and H.R. 1446, bills to introduce the efforts of the California Missions Foundation to restore and repair the Spanish colonial and mission-era missions in the State of California and to preserve the artworks and artifacts of these missions, H.R. 1521, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 1430, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the Baranov Museum in Kodiak, Alaska, for potential inclusion in the National Park System, and S.1687, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Senator Boxer; Representative Farr; P. Daniel Smith, Special Assistant, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mayor Carolyn Floyd, City of Kodiak, Alaska; Walter Costlow, South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club Historical Preservation Society, St. Michael, Pennsylvania; Barry W. Lynn, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and Cynthia C. Kelly, Atomic Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Stephen T. Hearst, Board of the California Missions Foundation, San Francisco.

### INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGENDA

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's international trade agenda, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Zoellick, United States Trade Representative.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mark B. McClellan, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Brian Carlton Roseboro, of New Jersey, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, and Mark J. Warshawsky, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

### IRAQ

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the transition

to sovereignty relating to Iraq from Marc I. Grossman, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Francis J. Ricciardone, Ambassador to the Philippines, Coordinator for Iraq Transition, and Major General Charles E. Williams, USA (Ret.), Director, Overseas Buildings Operations, all of the Department of State; and Lieutenant General Claude Kicklighter, U.S. Army (Ret.), CPA Transition Chief, Baghdad, Iraq.

### POSTAL REFORM

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee resumed hearings to examine U.S. Postal Service reform issues, focusing on sustaining the 9 million jobs in the \$900 billion mailing industry, after receiving testimony from Ann S. Moore, Time, Inc., New York, New York; Mark Angelson, RR Donnelley, Chicago, Illinois; Christopher W. Bradley, Cuddledown, Inc., Portland, Maine; Max Heath, Landmark Community Papers, Shelbyville, Kentucky, on behalf of the National Newspaper Association; William J. Ihle, Bear Creek Corporation, Medford, Oregon, on behalf of Harry and David and Jackson and Perkins; and Shelley Dreifuss, Postal Rate Commission, Washington, D.C.

### YEAR ROUND COLLEGE

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine advantages and impediments in relation to a year round college calendar, focusing on the costs of higher education, financial aid, Pell Grants, and Stafford Loans, after receiving testimony from Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; India McKinney, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee; Michael L. Lomas, Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the United Negro College Fund; Virginia S.

Hazen, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire; and Margaret Heisel, University of California, Berkeley.

### ERIC AND BRIAN SIMON ACT

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1509, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a gratuity to veterans, their spouses, and children who contract HIV or AIDS as a result of a blood transfusion relating to a service-connected disability, after receiving testimony Douglas B. Simon and Eric M. Simon, both of Veseli, Minnesota.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### MEDICARE DRUG DISCOUNT CARD

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the new Medicare drug discount card, focusing on consumer savings, beneficiary education, implementation and outreach to low-income seniors, and how the new cards will work with existing discount programs, after receiving testimony from Dennis Smith, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Craig L. Fuller, National Association of Chain Drug Stores, Alexandria, Virginia; Forest Harper, Pfizer, Inc., New York, New York; and James Firman, National Council on Aging, Karen Ignagni, American Association of Health Plans, and Mark Merritt, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, all of Washington, D.C.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 3914–3924; and; 1 resolution, H. Res. 551, were introduced.

**Pages H926–27**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 1881, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make technical corrections relating to the amendments by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002, amended (H. Rept. 108–433);

H.R. 3717, to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane language, amended (H. Rept. 108–434); and

H. Res. 552, providing for consideration of H.R. 339, to prevent frivolous lawsuits against the manufacturers, distributors, or sellers of food or non-alcoholic beverage products that comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements (H. Rept. 108–435).

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